

# **METRO EAST REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY**

## **MINUTES –February 11, 2016**

The regular stated meeting of the Metro East Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) was called to order at 4:45 p.m., Thursday, February 11, 2016 by, Secretary, Jane Nesbit.

This meeting was held at Developmental Disability Service of Metro East (DDSME), 2900 Frank Scott Parkway West Suite 928 Belleville, IL.

HRA Members Present: Jane Nesbit.

HRA Members Absent: Lou Ruocco, Catherine Goebel, Michael Pintar, Beverly Sweatman, Andrea Frazier, Christine Anderson

Guests: None

Staff Present: Jo Ann Russell-Baum

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

Jane Nesbit recognized that a quorum was not present, noting that no motions or voting will occur.

Jane Nesbit read the confidentiality statement that indicates that personally identifiable information should not be presented in public meetings in order to protect the privacy of those disabled persons on whose behalf the HRA conducts investigations.

Jane Nesbit asked for any changes in the agenda and there were none.

### **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the stated meetings of December 10, 2015 were reviewed, no changes suggested and no action was taken due to lack of a quorum.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Discussed the FOIA training and the new member access website.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Ratifications**

None

**New Complaints** The HRA considered the following cases for acceptance; although no motions were made due to the lack of a quorum.

**16-070-9006 -- mental health hospital**—lactose free diet The complaint states that the consumer is lactose intolerant and is not receiving a lactose free diet. A release of information was obtained and permission was given for the HRA to call on the consumer's behalf to inquire about her diet. The HRA called the facility, asked for the consumer to be seen by the physician to discuss her diet order. The consumer was contacted the next day and she stated she is now receiving a lactose free diet and is satisfied with the outcome.

**16-070-9007 – hospital** – least restrictive environment, failure to inform. The complaint states that an individual was unable to sleep for 4 days, became forgetful and was hallucinating and decided to go to a local hospital to be admitted in an attempt to get rest. The individual claims to not have been told she was being admitted to the psych unit and her belongings would be held until discharge. She asked multiple times to speak with administration and was repeatedly denied that request. ROI sent, not returned.

**16-070-9008 – mental health hospital** – dental needs. The complaint states that the patient was admitted on 12/18/15 with dental problems. A dental appointment was set up by the transferring facility, but the patient was transferred before the appointment date. The staff at the current facility told the patient that he would be seen by the dentist Wednesday, but was not seen and this occurred for several weeks. The facility is in the process of hiring a dentist, in the mean time they are trying to send patients to SIU Dental School for treatment. On the day the complaint was filed, additional pain medication was prescribed and the patient was finally able to get some pain relief. Update: had apt at SIU Dental School 2/9/16, teeth extracted and doing well.

### **Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business was conducted due to the lack of a quorum.

### **Case Progress Reports:**

**15-070-9020 – Molina Healthcare** -- benefits covered, medical condition, etc. Report needs finalized.

**15-070-9024 – Madison County Juvenile Detention Center**— counseling services. Report needs written.

**15-070-9025 – Alton Mental Health Center** – property. Report needs written.

**16-070-9001 – Alton Mental Health Center** – meal portions. Report needs written.

**16-070-9003 – Alton Mental Health Center** – privilege level, ROI completed. Report needs written.

**16-070-9004 – Alton Mental Health Center** -- privilege level. Report needs written. Combine report with 9003.

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**Draft Report Review**

**15-070-9010 – Madison County Jail** – medication/medical care.

**15-070-9016 – Caseyville Nursing Home** -- POA agent; physician services.

**Reviews of Provider Responses**

Provider responses were not reviewed due to the lack of a quorum.

**Motions Regarding Report Approvals**

No motions were made due to the lack of a quorum.

**Case Closures**

No motions were made due to the lack of a quorum.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENTS and ADJOURNMENT:**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 10, 2016, 5:00pm at DDSME. The need for 2 additional board members was discussed and suggestions were made.

Jane Nesbit made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 pm.

Jane Nesbit  
Secretary